



Chellaston Infant School PTFA Annual Report 2019-2020

Introduction

This summarises the activities of the Chellaston Infant School PTFA for the period March 2019 to March 2020. It has been a busy year for the PTFA and continuing the new direction of making events memorable, fun and educational for the children as well as the fund raising and support for the school. The PTFA relies on the support of parents, friends and the school once again thank you to all that have helped in some way.

Committee and Volunteers

Whilst there is a requirement for a committee for banking, insurance and legal matters for a few years we have deformed the group and every PTFA member the opportunity to get involved and share their ideas and the actions.

The current committee was elected or confirmed in role at the AGM in March 2019 and we have been fortunate to have 5 people sharing the roles (Vice Chair: Catherine Cheung and Rhiann Monteith, Secretary: Sarah Reader, Treasurer: Jenny Burton, Chair: Kieran Howell).

In past years we have seen the meetings regularly attended by 15 people or more and there being around 60 people supporting the events but unfortunately the numbers have been reducing, sometimes as few as only 3 at the meetings. The lack of support at times has jeopardised events going ahead and put additional pressure on those organising, however the team have always pulled through to deliver for the children and school. The next AGM is Tuesday 3rd March 2020 at 7:30pm and held at R&Rs in Chellaston – we hope to see as many there as possible.

Activities in the past year

The PTFA have been able to arrange and support several activities and fundraising throughout the year. With many more people involved new ideas were suggested and tried with many other things planned.

Summer Fayre – despite some poor weather compared to previous years it was a great day and attracted an estimated 600 people and raised over £4250. This was a record year for the fayre, aided by less costs due to reusable signs rather than one year only versions and bulk buying on prizes from other events. Over the years we have concentrated on the popular stalls and games with prizes or treats easy

to win for the children. There were more than 25 prizes donated valued more than £1000 and this is very much appreciated plus a BBQ donated to the school/PTFA by Abbie and Martin (thank you).

Discos – these are really popular with the children but we have struggled at times to get sufficient volunteers to ensure these run safely and smoothly. The PTFA tradition of providing a bouncy castle and the school running a disco and fun day for the Yr2 leavers continued, along with two other discos in the year.

Christmas Activities - the PTFA were pleased to provide funds for each class teacher to buy something to be used by the children and that is how £360 of the funds raised were used. We tried a Christmas Movie and meeting Santa event - the children watched a film, had some food and drinks, played games and got to meet Santa. Every child received a present and in 2019 it was again a book. Once again, every child had the opportunity to design their own Christmas card and whilst not a great money spinner for the PTFA it does cover costs and is very much appreciated.

School Lottery - a great way to raise funds for the PTFA and allow spending for and with the school. The participation in this is only small but it has raised over £900 in the past year and £3,314 since it started in Feb 2016. We currently have 46 tickets being sold each week, the highest its ever been. If you want to take part, please sign up at Yourschoollottery.co.uk.

Draws are weekly with parents/supporters able to play for a minimum of £1 per week. From every ticket bought, 40p goes to the school so this has the potential to raise a worthwhile sum of money for the school over time. The £25,000 prize was won for the first time in 2017 and we hope that lucky person enjoys their winnings. There is also a weekly prize that varies in value depending on the amount of people taking part but approximately 30% of the money. This shows the potential and the benefit to the school - 40% of the ticket money goes to the school, 30% in local prizes and the rest going to the towards the larger national prizes. They also have term prizes for everyone taking part, a chance to win a Go Ape experience, Kindles, Amazon Echos, National Trust membership and theme park tickets.

Other events - Easter Bonnet Parade, Sports Day, Mother's Day, Father's Day, class visits, school meetings, charity coffee mornings, and various feel good activities. The PTFA have been able to fund and support the above mentioned through arranging gifts, providing prizes, having volunteers, preparing in advance and taking part too. Most of these activities don't make money but we know how much it means to the children, school, parents and others.

Purchases

There have been the purchases that are becoming a tradition for the PTFA to provide e.g. Christmas gifts for classes, prizes for Easter parade and Yr2 leavers but also in the past year the playground play huts and outdoor stage were bought and installed.

The next big project is to raise funds for a Sensory Room in the school but also to continue to provide the experiences to support some of the topics the children are learning i.e. hatching duck eggs, history experience, bugs and bones.

The current bank balance is £4657.03